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DM-672

DEPUTIES' MEETING

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell, Col. White, [redacted]
[redacted] Sheldon, [redacted] Kirkpatrick,
[redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Noted in discussing with the Secretary of State on 16 November a proposed highly sensitive program, the Secretary had commented he had never heard that a previous similar project had paid any dividends. The Director said this was another example that we sit on important information too long and spend an inordinate amount of time in "polishing up" information before it is released. He remarked that another example was some recent information obtained [redacted] on Communist China through a joint operation this Agency is conducting [redacted]. The Director went on to say that he had about come to the conclusion that in some instances we would be better off to take a calculated risk and face the possibility of leaks of certain types of sensitive information rather than suppressing its dissemination as appropriate. There was general agreement and several suggestions were made to alleviate this situation:

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1) A special supplement to the CIB which would be made available only to a selected few -- to contain appropriate information collected from sensitive sources;

2) Periodically and/or as often as necessary brief the NSC (at regular meetings) on this type of information. No decision was reached, however, the Director asked those present to consider this problem and furnish him any ideas toward its solution.

In connection with the above referred to information collected on Communist China [redacted] the DCI asked [redacted] to furnish him a memorandum containing the high points.

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b) Referred to Mr. Willard F. Libby's appearance on the CBS television program, "Face the Nation" on 16 November and in particular to his statement that the U.S. had gained "nothing significant" through espionage and directed that [redacted] take appropriate steps to brief [redacted] on project AQUATONE.

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25X1 c) Asked [] to insure that a memorandum for record
is prepared of the Director's conversation with [] on
Friday, 14 November. The Director also stated that []
25X1 [] should be advised to delay his proposed trip []
25X1 [] until such time as [] has a chance to discuss it with the
25X1 [] who is scheduled to return to [] in
the near future. ACTION: DD/P.

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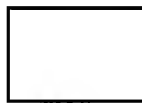
25X1 e) Noted a cable [] indicating that []
[] had indicated his intention of taking a trip to China to take a look
at the Communes and said he thought this an excellent idea and he would be
willing to help out financially. []

25X1 f) Asked Mr. Sheldon for an analysis of the suggestion contained
in []

g) Referred to the use by the military services of the NIS and in
particular to a report that these surveys had not been used during the planning
for the dispatch of U.S. troops to Lebanon and upon being advised that this
matter had been raised at a USIB meeting asked to see the minute covering
this point. The Director said in all probability he would wish to re-emphasize
in the form of a letter to members of USIB. ACTION: Mr. Sheldon.

Mr. Sheldon:

Noted that he and Col. Edwards were most concerned about the
security of the several offices in Old State in which CIA classified material
is maintained and noted that in fact no one person is responsible for the security
in this building.



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